port of Comptroller & Auditor General of India for the year ended 31st March, 1996 has brought out in its paragraph No. 11.1 that undue benefit to the producer of the programme "News Tonight" by granting extra Free Commercial Time (FCT) has resulted in a loss of Rs. 6.60 crore to Doordarshan.

The allegations regarding undue favour granted to various programmes including the programme "News Tonight" produced by M/s NDTV have also been examined by the Public Accounts Committee. The Committee in its Report submitted to the Lok Sabha on 22nd April, 1997 have recommended that the matter should be entrusted to an appropriate investigative agency to be decided by the Cabinet Secretary for a thorough enquiry. Necessary action in this direction has been initiated.

Daily, weekly, fortnightly and monthly newspapers and periodicals

2288. SHRI MD. SALIM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of daily, weekly, fortnightly and monthly newspapers and periodicals being brought out in the Country, Language-wise and their circulation, separately; and

(b) the number of dailies and their circulation brought out three years back?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) Language-wise break-up of daily, weekly, fortnightly and monthly newspapers/periodicals, as on 31.2.96, as per the record maintained by the Registrar of Newspapers for India (RNI), is given in the Statement. However, the circulation figures as on 31.12.96 will become available at the time of submission of their Annual Report 'Press in India' in September '97.

(b) The number of dailies registered with RNI in 1994 was 4148 and their circulation based on the Annual Statements submitted by the publishers was 3,16,14,000.

Statement

Total Number of daily, weekly, fortnightly and monthly Newspaper periodicals (Language & periodicitywise) as on 31-12-1996.

Language	Dailies	Weeklies	Fortnightlies	Monthlies
English	320	751	557	2384
Hindi	2004	7799	2441	2631
Assamese	12	64	37	56
Bengali	90	547	438	620
Gujarati	86	380	135	406
Kannada	268	321	204	481
Kashmiri	..	1	..	..
Konkani	..	3	1	1

Langnage	Dailies	Weeklies	Fortnightlies	Monthlies
Malayalam	204	159	144	63
Manipuri	11	5	5	7
Marathi	261	674	148	412
Nepali	3	13	6	7
Oriya	57	110	72	240
Punjabi	100	315	70	216
Sanskrit	3	7	4	15
Sindhi	8	35	9	34
Tamil	327	378	206	629
Telugu	107	219	155	382
Urdu	473	1193	340	472
Bilingual	53	485	284	1008
Multilingual	15	87	58	182
Others	51	77	26	107
TOTAL	4453	13628	5340	10920

Formalities for Installation of TV Antenna on Private Houses

2289. SHRI K. M. KHAN Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether some installations like T.V. Antenna are easily visible on roofs of private houses of Delhi;

(b) if so, details thereof with nature of functions of such installation;

(c) whether such antennas can be installed by any person without any permission and charges; and

(d) if so, details thereof and if not, formalities and charges required for same?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Whereas TV recciving antennas are used for reception of TV signals transmitted terrestrially, dish antennas are used for reception of TV signals through satellite.

(c) and (d) These antennas can be installed by any person without any permission or charges for receiving signals below the frequency band of 4800 MHz except in areas of North Eastern States. J&K, Union Territories of Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep and Minicoy Islands, where licenses are required for the dish antennas.